

Dear Mr. Powell and Commission Members,

I am concerned over the consequences of changing regulations regarding the ownership of media...TV and radio stations as well as newspapers. Although you have stated that with cable there is already so much diversity, that the old rules no longer are relevant. I totally disagree. We have a whole lot of stations, but there is no diversity or difference of opinion. Now, more than ever we, the public, would benefit enormously from having many people giving different opinions and points of view. How can anyone make an intelligent decision without ALL of the facts. Public opinion can be easily manipulated. Lies are constantly being repeated as true... until the public assumes that they must be true because they have been repeated over and over again by all the TV and radio stations and newspapers... which are owned by a handful of corporations. News has become mediocre and trite because of fear of causing problems with any number of the corporations that are under the umbrella of ownership with the communications companies. In the last twenty years there has been a drastic change in quality of communications and the ownership. I doubt if there would have been the Watergate scandal if it would have been happening now. I don't see today's Media Conglomerates allowing such activities. I certainly hope that the FCC will leave the regulations as they are. Otherwise, all we really need is ONE TV station, radio station and newspaper to meet our communication needs. Thank you.

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